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President: Mr. GANEV (Bulgaria)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.20 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 111 (continued)

SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (PART II) (A/47/870/Add.3 and 4)

The PRESIDENT: I should like to draw the General Assembly's attention to documents A/47/870/Add.3 and A/47/870/Add.4.

In his letter contained in document A/47/870/Add.3, the Secretary-General informs me that, since the issuance of his communications dated 19 January, 15 April and 7 May 1993, Mauritania has made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

In his letter contained in document A/47/870/Add.4, the Secretary-General further informs me that, since the issuance of his communications dated 19 January, 15 April, 7 May and 2 June 1993, Yemen has made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

May I take it that the General Assembly duly takes note of this information?

It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 8 (continued)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK: REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL SUB-ITEM SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (A/47/961 and Add.1)

The PRESIDENT: We shall now take up the notes by the Secretary-General contained in document A/47/961 and Add.1 relating to the confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

In his note contained in document A/47/961, the Secretary-General informs the General Assembly that he has accepted, with regret, the resignation of

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Mr. William H. Draper III as Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme effective 15 July 1993.

The Secretary-General also informs the Assembly that, pursuant to the established procedure, it will be required, at its current session, to confirm the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

Inasmuch as agenda item 17 of the forty-seventh session, entitled "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments", does not include a sub-item relating to such confirmation, it is proposed to include in the agenda of the forty-seventh session, under agenda item 17, an additional sub-item entitled, "Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme".

Unless there is an objection, I shall take it that the General Assembly agrees that, under the circumstances described in the note by the Secretary-General, the provision of rule 40 of the rules of procedure, which would require a meeting of the General Committee on the question of the inclusion of an additional sub-item, should be waived.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, wishes to include in the agenda of its forty-seventh session, an additional sub-item of item 17, entitled "Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme", and to consider it directly in plenary?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: This additional sub-item becomes sub-item (k) of agenda item 17.

AGENDA ITEM 17 (continued)

APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

(k) CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The PRESIDENT: In his note contained in the addendum to document A/47/961, the Secretary-General reminds members that, in paragraph 22 of its resolution 1240 (XIII) B of 14 October 1958 on the establishment of the Special Fund, the General Assembly provided that the Secretary-General, after having consulted the Governing Council of the Special Fund, would appoint the Managing Director, subject to confirmation by the Assembly. This procedure has been construed as applying also to the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

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By its decision 44/307 of 1 November 1989, the General Assembly confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of Mr. William H. Draper III as Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for a further four-year term of office until 31 December 1993. As indicated earlier, Mr. Draper has informed the Secretary-General of his intention to retire as from 15 July 1993, and the Secretary-General has agreed, with regret, to respect his wishes.

Following consultations with members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, the Secretary-General now requests the General Assembly to confirm the appointment of Mr. James Gustave Speth as Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for a four-year term of office beginning on 16 July 1993.

May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to confirm the appointment of Mr. James Gustave Speth as Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for a four-year term of office beginning on 16 July 1993?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: We have thus concluded our consideration of agenda item 17 (k).

It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 8 (continued)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK: REQUEST FOR THE REOPENING OF THE CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM 17 (b) SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (A/47/102/Add.2)

The PRESIDENT: In his note (A/47/102/Add.2), the Secretary-General informs the General Assembly that he has received notification of the resignation of Mr. Atilio Norberto Molteni of Argentina from membership of the Committee on Contributions and that the Assembly will therefore be required at

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its current session to appoint a person to fill the unexpired portion of the term of office of Mr. Molteni, that is, until 31 December 1993.

In order to enable the General Assembly to take the required action it will be necessary to reopen consideration of agenda item 17 (b), entitled "Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions".

May I take it that the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, wishes to reopen consideration of agenda item 17 (b), entitled "Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions".

It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 17 (continued)

APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

(b) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS

The PRESIDENT: Representatives are aware that this sub-item is usually allocated to the Fifth Committee. May I take it that representatives agree that, in view of time constraints, the appointment should be made directly in plenary meeting?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: In his note (A/47/102/Add.2), the Secretary-General also informs the Assembly that the Government of Argentina has nominated Mr. Jorge Alberto Osella to fill this vacancy.

I therefore propose that the Assembly proceed immediately to the appointment of a member of the Committee on Contributions.

I see no objection, and we will therefore proceed accordingly.

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to appoint Mr. Jorge Alberto Osella as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a term of office beginning on 15 June 1993 and ending on 31 December 1993?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: We have now concluded our consideration of agenda item 17 (b).

AGENDA ITEM 8 (continued)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK: REQUEST FOR THE REOPENING OF THE CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM 17 (j) SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (A/47/907/Add.2)

The PRESIDENT: In his note (A/47/907/Add.2), the Secretary-General informs the General Assembly that he has received notification of the resignation of Mr. Richard Kinchen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as an alternate member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee and that the Assembly will therefore be required at its current session to appoint a person to fill the unexpired portion of the term of office of Mr. Kinchen, that is, until 31 December 1994.

In order to enable the General Assembly to take the required action it will be necessary to reopen consideration of agenda item 17 (j), entitled "Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee".

May I therefore take it that the General Assembly, on the proposal on the Secretary-General, wishes to reopen consideration of agenda item 17 (j), entitled "Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee?

It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 17 (continued)

APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

(j) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE

The PRESIDENT: Representatives are aware that this sub-item is usually allocated to the Fifth Committee. May I take it that representatives agree that, in view of time constraints, the appointment should be made directly in plenary meeting?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: In his note (A/47/907/Add.2), the Secretary-General also informs the Assembly that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has nominated Mr. Clive Stitt to fill this vacancy.

I therefore propose that the Assembly proceed immediately to the appointment of an alternate member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee.

I see no objection, and we will therefore proceed accordingly.

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to appoint Mr. Clive Stitt as an alternate member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a term of office beginning on 15 June 1993 and ending on 31 December 1994?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: We have now concluded our consideration of agenda item 17 (j).

AGENDA ITEM 111 (continued)

SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (PART II) (A/47/833/Add.1)

The PRESIDENT: In paragraph 5 of its report, the Fifth Committee informs the Assembly that it decided to take no action or the draft resolution contained in document A/C.5/47/L.22.

The General Assembly has concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 111.

PROGRAMME OF WORK

The PRESIDENT: Before adjourning the meeting I should like to inform representatives that the General Assembly will meet on Tuesday, 22 June 1993, at 10 a.m., to consider the report of the Security Council under agenda item 11.

The meeting rose at 10.40 a.m.